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January 10th, 1919

Lt.-Colonel Duncan Graham,

No. 1 Canadian General Hospital, (University of Toronto)

Basingstoke, England.

My dear Colonel Graham:

Dr. Goldie has already told you that our Committee which was appointed to consider names of those who would be suitable for the new chair in Medicine instituted through the generosity of Sir John and Lady Eaton unanimously decided that you should be approached in regard to the matter.

You know from what was said when I was at Basingstoke that there is no one in England suitable, nor yet do we see any one in the United States, and you have been so strongly supported not only by Goldie but by Leathes, Watson and several others that our Committee has unanimously come to the decision.

I may say that Sir John and Lady Eaton after having made independent inquiries were in favour of you. One of the satisfactory elements in the situation is that there seems to be no one whom you are ousting, and additional elements in your favour are that you are one of our own graduates and will understand the position here.

Details as to salary, expenditure and relations to Pediatrics have not yet been worked out by the Committee, but we are asking to have Dr. Goldie brought home

in order to work the details out before the final appointment is offered to you. You yourself realise what an immense opportunity opens up in such a position as this, and you must be gratified to know that those who have associated with you and who are acquainted best with your work are most strongly in support of your appointment.

I will write you definitely later. This is simply a preliminary letter, which I think you ought to have in view of what Goldie has told you. If you accept the position you should be here early in the summer to make arrangements for next winter's work. Wishing you a happy New Year, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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March 28th, 1919

Lt.-Colonel Duncan Graham,

No.3 Canadian General Hospital (University of Toronto),

Basingstoke, England.

Dear Colonel Graham:

At a meeting of the Board of Governors held yesterday afternoon you were unanimously appointed Professor of Medicine at a salary of ten thousand dollars a year beginning July the first, 1919, the terms of the deed of gift being that you shall devote your full time to the work of the Chair.

A Committee consisting of representatives nominated by Sir John and Mary Eaton and the University has been appointed to advise with you in regard to the work of the Chair. The Governors are taking steps to secure an office near the Hospital from which you may circulate your department.

I have spoken to the members of the staff in Medicine except Dr. Duncan Graham of the Associate Professors, and one or two of the staff whom I cannot yet remember, with regard to the change saying that you are to have a free hand in organizing the Department. I believe, however, that you will probably find it necessary to use a good many of those who now hold positions, and we shall endeavour to make your way as easy as possible. None of the annual appointments will be made this year until you return.

I have applied to General Sotheringham for your immediate return in order that you may be back here in May, and yesterday he wrote me that your recall could be arranged for as we have asked.

I am sure that your appointment will be welcomed by a very large number on the staff, particularly among the younger men, and though the responsibility is a heavy one I believe that under your direction the Department of Medicine is on the eve of an immense development.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 25th, 1919

Lt.-Colonel Duncan Graham,

No. 3 Canadian General Hospital (University of Toronto),

Basingstoke, England.

Dear Colonel Graham:

Sir William Osler wrote to me some time ago that his nephew Lt.-Colonel Norman Bayne wished to take up the practice of medicine in Toronto. Sir William Osler thought that perhaps some appointment could be given to him on the staff of medicine in the University. Would you be kind enough before you come out to try to see Colonel Bayne and to keep him in mind if you think he has the qualifications for doing work to suit your plans when you come to re-organize the staff ? Of course I am not asking you to give him an appointment because I believe you must be left free , but I would like you to consider his qualifications.

You will have got my letter and also one from the Bursar in regard to the appointment.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Basingstoke. 1. 3. 19.

Dear Sir Robert:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Jan. 30th informing me that my name had been the unanimous choice of the Committee appointed to consider possible occupants of the new Chair in medicine.

The knowledge that my associates in medical work were the strongest supporters of my name, although affording me the greatest cause for personal gratification gives me an increased consciousness of the responsibility of the position that I am being offered.

After your letter to Dr. Goldie I discussed with him the conditions

under which I could accept the appointment. His knowledge of these Conditions will aid you and your Committee in the discussion of the details which you mention in your letter as being necessary for consideration before the final appointment is offered me.

If I receive the appointment I should like to begin my work about the middle of May. i.e. before the present session ends.

With best wishes I am

Sincerely yours

Duncan Graham